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THEOLD GRIST MILL.

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By William Boock, bemeath the hull. its deepto i. a digray the old grist mill Spring moster on its steep good grow Where Reast their shude the willows throw The porel near by twelcar and deep, And cound its brunk the alders sweep The hiv pads speed gay and green The life's white and gold between: Whyle grands the mall with roughling sous d The walls wheel turns round and round.

Among the reeds the musk rat diver; And swill " he swallow non-ward flies; The robin sits in orders noar Where Willow Brack runs swift and clear, The children by the school house play, Where shadows shadows sultry stray And is arm and low the Summer breeze 's ant-pering three the willow heaves; while originals the mill with manifester sound Phis realize wheel urus round and round

The create now wing their southern way, The sector clean the sector from play: With morey should the should be stud. The monutain obtain in oth vision's sup-Their gram mey bring adown the hill. Fast farmers, to the old grist mill; And faint its a fur ofer hill and date Falls in the car the thrasher's dail. While grinds the mill with cumbling sound The water-will of turns cound and coundly

Lorg yours have come and passed away The mill with spe is canny and gray; This root g-ps while to tain an ten op-With commune thick the walls are http:// The pend is overcrown with words The marsh-wren bounds among the roots The night winds thre? the willows much the school horse gors, the children grown, The tarmer - sleep where wild flowers grow When here got th is grain so long ago, When ground the mill with rumbling sound And he wster-whiel surned round and round.

Gommunicated.

For the Advocate. CONSERVATIVE METHODISM

Recording the Anyos Arr. as the exmour of Methodism in its most exten a sense, and as the Organ of the Ne

The stretching is taken off for awhile, were cneouraging. The missionary C Conformação its special scuse, u connect loca matter of indifference to He congratulates himself and takes meeting on Saturday night was an inany real Methodist in any organized comfort from the reflection that besides teresting occasion. Interesting addressdollars, board and les were made and nearly the full amount. \$112.50, necessary to support the preachwashing, he can get the Deacon's fees. er in China, was raised and plodged.-CATE is to be a success or a failure .--With such sentiments, there is no ner provided he will put up with his home- The N. C. Conference is not doing one about it. it comes by fare among the Methodist. But he toentieth what it ought to do for the home to every Methodisi heart with the wants elders' orders, that he may repear cause of missions. This statement is clearness of instinct, that, if these the words of consecration at the Lord's doubtless true of the whole church chearness of instruct, that, if these the words of consecration at the Lord's Indeed, of almost every other branch of things are so, it is my duty, as a Methe Supper. It is terrible to think he has it. adist, and especially as a Methodist to be stretched again for two years-so. Every district ought to support a naproveher and a member of the Confers he takes the procrastination bed and en- tive preacher in some foreign mission. ence, to sustain the Xuyor Are, and help dures it for two more long years. He The Sunday schools of every district, a This le can de by subscribing to the was not called to be a traveling preach-intender to subscribing to the was not called to be a traveling preach-intendent of these native forces. In paper and by becommending it to other, but a permanent pastor. It being a this way-mainly through the nativesers - by writing for it, not with a view free country, if nobody wants him, he China and the world is to be won to de. in Tryon Street M. E. Church, South, of displaying his literary abilities, but settles down and goes at some business sus. Less than one twentieth of the Aug. 23rd, 1878. money, worse than thrown away by the







REV, J. B. BOBBITT, D. D., EDITOR AND PUBLISHER.]

The Faith once delivered to the Saints.

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personified as a mighty giant, whose golden maxim all would do well to constretched out arm, like the crane of a sider and heed. "Behold how good and was much neglected in many parts of RELIGIOUS STATUS OF CHILnighty lifting machine, as the great pleasant it is for brethren to dwell toiron wheel revolves, to take up every gether in unity."

traveling preacher from where he is, THE SAFRATH SCHOOL CAUSE and place him where he was not, molens is evidently in a prosperous condition.

colens, as to the itinerant and the peo- Many new schools have been organized ple he is taken from and to the people and an increase in the average attendhe is given to. So the Rev. Mr. Graves ance noted. Many Sunday school scholwas right when he built his Great Iron ars have been converted and added to Wheel, To this immediately succeeds the church since the last session. Thus the terrible "procrustean bed" of ministhe paramount object of the Sunday tatial probation; another classical alluschool is being reached. A noted fact, sion and a striking metaphor. Not beto which I would especially call the ating a classical scholar I was at a loss tention of pastors and superintendents for its meaning, and concluded it was of Sunday schools, is that those schools some sort of an engine of torture. Having wherein the Uniform Lesson System is and, if he has not done so, resolve that, no classical dictionary 1 had to look for used, are decidedly the most prosper- from henceforth, the morning and evenits meaning in the context; there it is ous. Hence, the Conference, as we ing sacrifice of thank solving and participation in the home altar in described, and its mode of operating. mink, wisely adopted resolutions recom-It is a procrastination bed where permending and urging the adoption of this sons are delayed from ministerial ordisystem into all our schools where it is W. G. Woods and B. Parnell were elecnation as deacons and elders-to precent novices from being puffed up. It mended that all the Sunday schools be matters not what size they are, they reganized into missionary societies, that must lie on the bed to be stretched, if the children may be trained to systesmall, and to be compressed, if large, matic giving.

How this procrastination bod is con-THE MISSIONARY CAUSE nected with the Great Iron Wheel, is within the bounds of the district was not given out, so we are left to imagine.

well considered. It was ascertained Then lo ! here comes a little fellow from that there is truly missionary ground in the plow handles. He is very solid, but the district, some sections being almost short and needs stretching, so he is made to lie down and undergo, the torture for two nevolving rounds of the tireat Iron Wheel. Then he is released and ordained deacon, and is allowed to get marriage fees, of which he has been

deprived for iwo long years, and brood ing over his loss, he mournfully com-

FAMILY PRAYER For the Advocate. our Zion. Comparatively few heads of DREN

families have erected and keep up the home altar. Many, very many chil-The point I wish to make in the disdren, in this professedly Christian land

cussion of this subject is, that the sysof ours, are born and reared in homes tem of religious training of children is where its sacred fire never burns. One very defective, in fact, it is almost enof the earliest and most pleasing recollections of the home of my youth, is that, our people. Is this not, to a great ex- lishing House is about \$300,000; and when a little boy, 1 knelt at the home altar with the family led in prayer by a j of this important subject ?

Christian, but now I trust, sainted father. No one can fully estimate the spiritual advantage to the family of such an inditution. May every father whose eyes may, perchance, trace these lines, be inspired by the Divine Spirit with the of a child ?" It must be that work of interest on this debt at its present rate. entiment of doshua, "but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." the c 'd, but the work by which "many meet the interest on the above amount if fixed at four per cent, per amount, in Paul, Rom. 5, 19. Mr. Watson says, House; and whereas, we have request sweet accent to the infinite Father. that the "infant is not capable of a vol-Rev. H. D. LeeQueux, J. B. Connelly, at all practicable. It was also recom- ted delegates to the ensuing Annual are included in this covenant of grace, we have responses from so many as to Conference; and Rev. A. Carson, J. W. Manney, B. Baily and R. R. Crawford far as to give them a sure title for the tion of the remainder of the creditors: alteruntes. The next session of the Conference.

will be held at Statesville. and are brought into a state of rightconsuess through the counteracting in- to the necessity, when it falls due, of The usual resolutions of thanks for hospitable entertainment, and favors fluence of the atomement of our Lord Je- asking another extension, and so on inshown, were adopted.

Four days in Mooresville made a very favorable impression, we believe, both of the Conference and people. On last of condemnation and death ?

Monday, the 26th, we left the growing wholly destitute of the gospel. These little town, with very many pleasant ound in portions of the counties of recollections of its kind and hospitable Wilkes, Surry, Alexander and Iredell. people. In this connection it may be The establishment of a mission to be fitting for me to say that Rev. D. R. known as the "Roaring River Mission" Bruton, our Presiding Elder, is now closwas recommended to the Annual Coning his constitutional term of service as ference. Also the continuance of

Permit me to ask again, can this state by degrees, at the end of many years Presiding Elder of this district and must, "Hunting Creek Mission." Also that the "Little River Circuit," established therefore, by statutory limitation, sever of justification by any means be perpethis present relation to the District at the nated, as much so at least, as the adult by the P. E. since the last Conference, believer can "keep himself unsported

Procrastination, it is the thief of time, Year after year if steals away and leaves My empty pockets of my marriage fees. from the world" after he had been concorted ? Is it possible, by religious in-

My empty pockets of my marriage fees. Poor fallow ! I wish I could help him. But "as our fathers did so must we de." The stretching is taken off for awhile

ence, on motion of the writer, expressed adult believer. Mr. Wesley says, that its high appreciation of the courteous and genial manner in which he had pre- out the assistance of divine grace, is to issue coupon bond, of the denomsided over its deliberations.

TO THE CREDITORS AND cent, bonds in this country. One hun FRIENDS OF THE PUBLISHING dred and twenty thousand dollars will HOUSE OF THE METHODIST remove all the first morgage bonds and EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

At a meeting of the Book Committee, Aug. 15, 1878, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, viz. : Whereas, we have ascertained that tirely neglected in many instances among the indebtedness of the Methodist Pulsgoods tent, in consequence of a misconception whereas, from the experience we have had in operating the House we are Mr. Watson, in his examination of satisfied that the flouse is self-sustainthe total depravity of mankind, speaks ing, and that we can by the application of a "work of God, in the spirit of an of strict business principles, make a infant," which is out of our reach not prepared to state; and whereas, What is this "work of God in the spirit we are satisfied that we cannot pay the and the work is done. living grace in the soul of the child, not and pay asy part of the principal, with that which produces the non-imputation or out of the present business of the of original sin, because that is done for House, but do believe that we could if fixed at four per cent, per annum, in audition to the hannar expenses of the

ed the creditors of the House to postuntary acceptance of the benefit of the pone their debt for a period of twelve free gift;"" and yet we admit that they months from the first of July, 1878, and accomplished. Please send your response to th and partakers of the "free gift" in so leave no reasonable doubt as to the aundersigned, stating how many bondand of what denomination, you will take. J. B. McFERRIN, A9181, kingdom of heaven. Now, if they are and whereas, we do not believe that we in this state of non-impatation of sin, per, to pay one dollar of the principal of NA-HVILLE, TENN., Aug. 29, 1878.

----said indebtedness, but shall be driven HOW CHARACTER PREACHES

sus Christ by a "work of God, in the definitely, until the patience of our On a bright summer morning, by the spirit of the infant," by what means, I | creditors shall have become exhausted ide of a country road running along the yould ask, are they reduced into a state by a succession of broken promises. Hudson, not many miles from New and whereas, we believe that the in-York, two men stood talking together. Again, if they are in this state of jus- evitable result of this policy will be One was a judge of high social standing tification and salvation, not by inherent ted in, in which event we believe that and legal distinction, the other was a righteonsness, but through the "free Lie property of the establishment will tone mason, and their conversation was gift" effected by the universality of the be sacrificed, to the injury of the House about the building of a new wall near atonement of Christ, and produced by and creditors; and whereas, we believe the place where they were standing, to the "work of the spirit in the soul of the that if this debt is to be paid by the consult about which the judge had sent Publishing House, it can only be done for the mason on this Sabbath morn-

of successful operation, and in order Just coming into sight, as he trudged to do this we are satisfied of the neceslong the road on his way to church, sity of extending the d-bt for a term of was a plain Seotch farmer, well known years, at a low rate of interest; and as a God-fearing, Sabbath keeping, houwhereas, we believe that the present est, hard-working man, neither fearing property, and all that the Publishing or asking favor of the great or rich. struction, by the exclusion of wicked House may acquire in the future, associations, and by the assistance of should be pledged to the security of all tivine grace, to secure a continued state the creditors of the House, equally and a large family of children in the fear of a most extraordinary measure to clicit of salvation as in the infancy of the alike, which they would not have it we child ? Or at least, as much so as the should now close ; therefore, he it Resolved, That in the opinion of this committee, the only practicable method

it is impossible for any to do good with- of dealing with this vast indebtedness In the midst of an animated explanaquested the councilor and audience to look him in the face while praying. He tion of what he wanted in a new wall That is very evident, but does not every inations as follows : \$50, \$190, \$500, \$1,- the judge caught sight of the farmer.

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SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE.

Every now and then we stumble upliens; and this amount we propose to a nervously saspicious people whom raise without delay. Then the creditors we can scarcely approach without givexchanging their claims for four per ct. ing offence in some way. Such people bonds the work is about done, and the are in a state of chronic affliction, some House will go foward without impedibody is always coming short in treatment and become a great power for We cannot afford to give up the ment of them. If you look at them it Christian Advocate, the Sunday-school is a stare; if you do not look at them it Literature, our Discipline, Hymn Book | is a slight. There is no safe way with and other standard works. The Pub- the over sensitive but a plain straightlishing House must not go down. Near orward one. If you try to avoid one eight hundred thousand members and sorn, you are sure to tread on another. unillion of friends cannot stand by The suspiciously exacting person is one and see it topple into ruin. Send your name for ten thousand, one thousand of a fine spun ingenuity. He can piece your words into a sense you never five hundred, one hundred dollar bonds' dreamed of, he can make circumstantial

Understand, the bonds will not be isvidence strong enough to hang you, such nor the money expected, till the amount is fully pledged to free the inrom occurrences the most innocent. Almost anything yoa do has a suspicious ditution from all its liabilities, and put meaning. Now the highest sort of a tairly on the ground indicated in the gentleman is one who can overlook such for this, and pair and arrantitions. ness that stands ever on the watch to friends of sound Christian literature, and of the laboring classes, rally to the exact an equal politeness in return is standard, and a noble work will be nore annoying than a generous rudeness. No man is more uncomfortable than he

who not only weighs his own words and gestures, and measures the exact signiicance of his smiles and frowns, but who makes you feel that he is also weighing and measuring your motions. Such a one may think himself a gentleman, but he is only a social collector of customs in a gentleman's shell. A true gentleman is not careful to keep the alance even.

"I DID STEAL THAT SHEEP."

A writer in the Baptist Weekly tellstory of a circumstance which occur ed at Oswego, and which illustrated he practical shrewdness of an old minster named Amasa Brown.

A member of the church charged mother with stealing a sheep. The emprit denied the charge. Both were men of influence. The church was divided. The council was called, and Mr. Brown was there. There was no witnesses except as to character. H was the word of one man against another. One was a slanderer, or the His chief ambition seemed to be to taise other a thief. Elder Brown suggested God and hon arably in the sight of men. The fact in the case. He called the two which his example was well fitted to men to the rostrum before the pulpit, and directed the man who made the charge to engage in praver-and re-

to interest, instruct, and improve its that suits his capacity, So works this "procrustean" hel. realers by setting forth and defending the datas of Michodisur, and the pecu- I can proceed no further with this ions, would do this grand and glorious pory President, and Rev. J. F. Butt caricature of Methodism. My heart is work for God. Oh ! when will the has interests of the N. C. Conference,

Acting on this principle, I have sev- sick and my head feels bad to see how church awake to her real obligation to The writer then delivered the address arry out the commission of her Divine R D. Johnston in an interesting adreflections on current subjects, particu- tion" is purposely set down in juxtapo- speed the day ! tarts those brought to gausideration by sition, with a vein of cool irony-to previous writers for the "Advocate." make both ridiculous and contempti- of the district is not what it ought to, fact that quite a number of schools were This is my answer to any who may ask ble-and for what purpose ? To induce be. Some charges have paid half of represented, composed of Presbyterians, why Vam so really to contest with wrist the next General Conference to be some their assessments. A greater number Lutherans, Associate Referred Presby ters in the "Advocate" on important thing besides negations, and to furn one third. So on down to one seventh, terians, Baptists and Methodists, mestions affecting Methodism, now that Methodism topsy furvy.

I am in the decognizate of life and need referre. Marenver, I cannot conceive of a more unitappy state for a Methodist preacher, thun to have outlived his usefulness, or to imagine he has come to that same. I not ready, therefore, to do what I can, how little soever it may be. This will answer, why I have sent this communication to the "Advocate" with mexico of the article under the head "Conservative Methodism," which ap period in the issue of the 7th of Aug 10-1

The article sets forth several important alterations and amendments in the constitution and laws of the M. E Church, South, which alterations ought to have been made at the late General Conference, As the Conference failed to do so, the subjects are brought up for consideration, preparatory to the election of delegates to the next General Conference.

As to the importance of the changes contemplated, I have nothing to say. The General Conference thought it best to "let well enough alone," and it is not often, though it has sometimes been, that one head has held more wisdom than a whole nation of block heads; so I most gladly accept the conclusions in which they ended their labors.

attendance will be larger and more The danger of their being poisoned in I regard the discussion of these que upon them are strangers to the privi those of the Annual Conferences. The thy for and confidence in the integrit ing only four per cent., that the House are at the summit of a vain ambituon, the mind and heart must be great inchools will be represented. tions of change as premature, and as we are also at the depth of misery. ege. Now and then an editor may will be able to pay the interest and preaching was of a high order, "not and fidality of Messrs. Wilson & Sho deed when even a secular paper like the There should be an organization in every create a sinking fund that will finally reflecting on the good sense of a mashake off the harness for a short time with enticing words of man's wisdom, ber, in their late financial trouble, grate county in the State, and a grand State New York Times, in a long article on extinguish the principal. (3) He fears The history of the world teaches no but those whom he leaves behind mere jority of the General Conference. 1 re. but in demonstration of the Spirit and fully recognizing their liberality, and 'Rank Literature for the Young,' says: esson with more impressive solemnity that with the present heavy debt, priuly add his duties to their own, so that Convention at some central point next gard the manner in which the article obligating to greater offort to secure than this; that the only safeguard of a The beys of New York are furnished cipal and interest, the latter increasing of power." The Holy Ghost was preshe gets his resuite at their cost, unless great intellect is a pure heart; that evil every week with as vib and degrading a all the time, that the House will nevopens the discussion as offensive to good patronage for the Colleges, were adoper be able to meet its liabilities. Four they take their turns, and exact extra It is time that the good people of this no sooner takes possession of the heart ent. God's people were edified, cheered ted. Rev. J. A. Cunninggin, our Col supply of "flash' and corrupting literataste, in matter, form and spirit. The and were becoming thoroughly alive to Per Cent. Bonds upon reliable securi- duty from him. There is no way in than folly commences the conquest of and strengthened. Sinners were con- lege Agent, was with us and addressed ture as unserupations men can buy and tics is a good investment. Here is a which a real respite can be given to the article is so pregnant with figures of the incomparable importance of training the mind. vinced "of sin and of righteousness and the Conference upon the subject of the publish, or gready news-venders spread the young for Christ and His Church of judgment." On Sunday evening at resolutions. The Conference pledged fair chance for the creditors to save whole corps but by having the pape rhetoric that they leap out in nearly The higher rose the waters of the broadcast throughout the city. There themselves, and sustain the House. Necond. The Agent suggests that This is the great object of the Sunday leluge, the higher the ark was lifted are published in the city of New York every line, and mix up as the fantastic sympathy and co-operation with him in ceive the consideration and support of every week not less than ten newspar here also is a good opportunity for the contemporary, the Standard, of Chi the 3 o'clock service and also at night, his work. In considering the subject on their bosom ; and thus, as the floods images of a dream. The first sentence pers whose titles denote that they are in- Church and its friends to relieve them- caro, has adopted this method. One of affliction rise in the soul that carries several were converted. Others were at of tended exclusively for boys and young selve of a most oppressive burden. The week's issue is omitted. This week we is a satire on the late General Conferall sincere basis of Zion, Christ, it will be lifted buoyantly above the altar. Services were continued tion to one fact ditained from the reports men, and as many monthly magazines. Church cannot repudiate ; the Church and other readers of that paper are to do BOOKS AND PERIODICALS. ence. Its classical allusions to the them-nearer heaven and everlasting all filled with such matter as no buy, cannot bear the odium of bankruptcy without it. Other papers in Chicago happiness, and no young man, can read without in her great Connectional cuterprises in approve, and propose to copy the ex-Monday and Monday night, and longer, it was evident that too few books and "Great Iron Wheel" is well calculated we trust, with glorious success. It was papers of the right character are pur- of our Presbyterian brethnen : They in-It is far easier to feign respect when call from their graves the skeletons of two gladiators, who perished in a good to be there. contest for supremacy in vulgar abuse. We have not only a metaphor in the alusion, but an implied comparison of Methods in to a great from Wheel; this is done by an ingenius collocation of the matrix to note, however, there is trouble in some charges. May the terms between which "our enemies" are is trouble in some charges. May the adopted organ of our Conference, under sure the appearance of the "Supplemental We do not please God more by eat- dur the responsibility. A few hundred the rese leaves, best gives forth its fraterms between when distilled out of the purpose of discordant elements be harmonized, the made to appear, as if for the purpose of discordant elements be harmonized, the Bolblitt, D. D. the Nashville Christian by eating honey. Brave souls can meet and overcome the grance when distilled out by the free of Galilee. He is kept clear and sweet by Bolblitt, D. D. the Nashville Christian of John The Nashville Christi made to appear, as it for the purpose of discontant elements be narmonized, the discussion of John disguising the damaging effect of the disturbers corrected or cut off, that the disguising the damaging effect of the discussion of John discussion of John Action the New York, that they may not drift away is not more present embarrassments, and yet have afficient. Spencer. disguising the damaging effect of the disturbers corrected or cut off, that they may not drift away conducts and yof subshifts and yof subshifts after them. The bonds their families after them. The bonds of the Church of their families after them. The bonds of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the Good terms of the distribution of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the diverse of the diverse of the church may be tas a river, " Bear and forbear," is a model of the that they may not drift away table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, put on the footing pro- table of the House, the table of table of the House, the table of table of table of adv studied, sorbs without giving back is like the comparison. We are allowed hardly to peace of the church may be 'as a river," gerald, D. D., and our Sunday School from the Church of their fathers, take bies th before we are treated with and her "righteousness as the waves of another figure. The Episcopal Law is the sea." "Bear and forbear," is a also a noted fact that the sea." A. Δ. Bean and forbear,

stantially the resolutions of the Confermee on the leading points, in connection with what reflections, I have submitted, o as not to necessitate their publication. JAMES WILLSON, Sec'y,

Mt. Airy, N. C., Aug. 30th, 1878. -For the Advocate. MECKLENBURG S. S. CONVEN-

TION.

The first Sunday School Convention is possible from his infancy, "Noahi or Mecklenburg county, N. C., was held was a just man and perfect in his generations.

The Convention was called to order by Dr. T. C. Smith, on whose motion indulgence in tobacco, snuff, and fash- Gen, R. D. Johnston was elected temagain under similar circumstances, Solomon says, "there is nothing new temporary Secretary.

under the sun." carry out the commission of her Divine of welcome, and was followed by tien. But there is one more case still more dress-subject, "Why Are We Here,"

THE FINANCIAL CONDITION.

church and those favorable thereto by

EDECATION.

after which the names of delegates were enrolled. This revealed the pleasant up to offer unto the Lord the yearly sac- time the bond is to be delivered. rifice, and his yow. But Haunah "(Samuel's mother)" went not up; forshe said unto her husband, I will not go up, until the child be weaned, and then

The cry is "hard times," which means From these 2253 members were a money is scaree. This is true, but by ported-a very respectable number, and before the Lord, and there abide forever. tend in person by some suitable agent. PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERtaithful and systematic effort and man- yet several schools in the county were agement on the part of the stewards in not represented.

co-operation with the preachers, a much A permanent organization was effectlarger proportion of the salaries could ed by adopting a constitution, appoint have been raised in provisions and ing an Executive Committee, and elect money. Provision, possibly, was never ing the following officers : Gen. R. D. more plentiful, and yet some of the pas- Johnston, President; Capt. R. D. Grators, in the midst of this great abun ham, Vice-President; Dr. T. C. Smith, Dr. Bouarrr: Your editorial of this dance, have been very meagerly sup- Secretary; and H. Kleuppelberg, Treasoody in your last week's issue, precludes ported. One difficulty is, some charges urer.

he necessity of much more than general have no system for raising money ---statements from me. However, I may Another is, some have, but do not work H. Bobbitt, Presiding Elder of the Char-

> miscellaneous subjects, participated in by Rev. E. H. Harding, Dr. Whitefield

The atmost harmony and good feeling revailed during the three sessions of the onvention. Delogates representing the enominations mentioned above met to gether in the spirit of the Master, to ook after His interest in this department of the work, and not simply to labor for denominational aggrandize ment. It was a practical illustration of will show what kind of literary food a christian unity.

This is one of the glorious results of the Sunday-school work-it is to bring the various denominations into a more intimate association and communion with one another.

The Convention, in my opinion, has iven a fresh impetus to the cause in close watch over the stories and narrathis section of the State. Next year the tives which their children are reading. He belives that with the change of all

assistance at all times 000 bearing interest at the rate of four Stopping suddenly, he said vonehsafed unto them, in case they will per cent, per annum, payable at Nashaccept it ? In his sermon on original ville, Tenn., on the first days of Janusin, Mr. Wesley speaks of but one sin-gle exception among the many thousands and July of each succeeding year; ness on Sabbath morning. We will the principal of the honds to be pay-just step behind this bit of wall until of the antidiluvian world. "Nosh found able as formula to be executed on able as follows: 30-40s, and to be see the passes."

favor with God." "He alone (perhaps including a part of h's household) was House, both real and personal, and the plodding footsteps of the farmer echoed an exception from the universal wicked- House and property kept insured by ness, which, by the just judgment of the Agent, for its value, in two or more Goal, in a short time, after brought on good insurance companies, for the benof the silent reproof his appearance had universal destruction." When this fa- cfit, in case of its destruction by fice, of caused, while the judge, with feelings,

vor to Noah began, he does not say: It the holders of these bonds, Be it farther resolved, That the

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YOUNG

his money-making age is the publica-

s demoralizing the youth of our country.

tion of the cheap, trashy literature which

People, as a class, are too negligent

large portion of the reading youth are

fattening upon. Thieves, burglars and

prize lighters are made the heroes of ex-

eiting tales. Crime is invested with the

halo of romance, and the worst teach-

ings of last and licentiousness are incul-

Agent have printed circulars embodying the sense of these resolutions, and desceration of the Lord's day. have the same advertised in the central The next morning the incident was Now this is admitting a great deal, and all the local papers of the Church, related to the farmer by the mason. If one case can be found which is satis-inviting the friends and creditors of who was himself a Scotchman, though factorily clear, it shows the possibility the Church and House to subscribe to unhappily, not so conscientious as his

of the thing. What has been any be this loan, and that he have prepared friend. He told the story with some for this purpose subscription papers, glee, adding : which he will cause to be properly ditributed and circulated, asking friends had sich a power in ye as to mak the and creditors to subscribe, on condi- judge hide behint the wall for the fear

tion that the amount subscribed shall clear to my mind. Samuel is a clear in the aggregate reach the sum of \$300,-

case. After Samuel was born "Elka- 000, the same to be due and payable on and influence of a sincere Christian nah, (his father) and all his house went the first day of May, 1879, at which character, though devoid of the adornments in the world's sight of either po-And be it further resolved. That, in sition, wealth, or learning? All these the opinion of this committee, the together could not resist the silent ser-Agent, the said J. B. McFerrin, should mon of the good man's life, which visit, in person, as many of the Confer- brought home to the haughty judge

ences, soon to meet, as possible, and to the conviction of his sin .- Baptist I will bring han, that he may appear be represented at such as he cannot at- Weekly.

And Elkauah, her husband, said unto and impress the officers and members ING. her, "Do what seemeth thee good," I of the different Conferences with the

one would think, belittling to his man-

Sam, I. 21, 23. Here is the ring of fact that, unless this loan meets with pure metal in the father, the mother and favorable consideration from the Dr. Arnold, of Rugby, gives, in one the child, and shows us the effect of true friends of the House and Church, and of his letters, an account of a saintly sister. For twenty years, through some creditors, the committee is satisfied picty in the religious training of chilthat there will be no alternative left disease, she was contined to a kind of a iren. Would that the world were full but to surrender the property to the crib; never once could she change her of Elkanaly's and Hannah's, who would Trustees under present mortgages, to postare for all that time. bring their children from their arms, and he sold by them for the benefit of the

"And yet," says Dr. Arnold, and I from the breast, and present them before holders of the bonds, and leave the rethe Lord and cause them to "abide there mainder of the debt, which will be think his words are very beautiful, "I forever." "Train up the child in the large, to be paid by the Church when never saw a more perfect instance of the way he should go," and it is positively and in such manner as the General spirit of power and love out of a sound Conference in its wisdom may promind. Intense love, almost to the annihilation of selfishness; a daily martyr-

And he it farther resolved. That the dom for twenty years, during which she a form of mortgage and bond, in accor- adhered to her early-formed resolution of Agent be instructed to have prepared dance with the foregoing resolutions, never talking about herself; thoughtful This plan will make an annual inter- about the very pins and ribbons of my

est not exceeding \$12,000. This, we wife's dress, about the making of a doll' believe, the House can and will pay, as | cap for a child-but of herself,-save as One of the most wicked practices in well as create a sinking fund with regarded her improving in all goodness which to take up the principal, -wholly thoughtless; enjoying every On the foregoing the Agent makes thing lovely, graceful, beautiful, highthe following statements : minded, whether in God's works or First. He believes it to be to the inman's, with the keenest relish; inherit-

terest of those holding claims against ing the earth to the very fullness of the about what their children read, content the Publishing House, in the shape of if they only see them engaged with some Notes, Open Accounts, or Second promise; and preserved through the very book. A glance at our periodical stands Mortgage Bonds, to exchange these for Valley of the Shadow of Death from all the proposed Four Per Cent. Mortgage | fear or impatience, or from every cloud Bonds, for the reasons, (1) That the of impaired reason which might mar the House, machinery, fixtures, and all beauty, of Christ's Spirit's glorious that we have, are covered by First work. May God grant that I might Mortgage Bonds and prior liens; and come but within one hundred degrees of if the payment of these be enforcedher place in glory 1" and they will be if some arrangements -----

are not made-it will take all the prop-A NEWSPAPER'S VACATION .- While eated. Lot Christian parents keep a crty to satisfy these claims, leaving all the rest of mankind, who have the nothing for unsecured creditors, (2) opportunity take a summer vacation, the liabilities into a bonded debt, draw- newspapers and most of those engaged

made an earnest prayer. HA annealed to the Lord as one who knew the charge "There comes David Stuart ; it will was true. Then the other was called never do to let him see us talking busion to follow. He made a regular praver for the church, the pastor, etc., and then said : "As touching this matter of the sheep, O. Lord-a-hum-as to touch-

And the judge and the mason crouchng---touching this-ah'---when he prang to his feet, and exclaimed, Brethren, I cannot pray. J did steal faintly in the distance; and the good that sheep?" So the matter was setman passed from sight, all unconscious tled.

> -FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

liness, crept from his hiding-place to A weak mind is like a microscope, continue his conscious and confessed which magnifies trifling things, but cannot receive great ones.

> Fancy rules over two-thirds of the universe, the past and the future, while cality is confined in the present

"Wha wad a' thocht, muun, that ye Some there are who gaze intently in o the well of truth, but only in hopes of seeing their own image reflected Is not this an illustration of the force

To work out own contentment we should labor not so much to increase sur substance as to moderate on de-SITTEN.

Faith supplies to its possessor desus and the fullness there is in him, and transmutes every conceivable evil into c blessing.

The good things of the saints are not lispensed out of the basket of common providence, but out of the ark of the ovenant

We must not speak all that we know, that were folly; but what a man says should be what he thinks, otherwise it s knavery.

When our souls shall leave this dwelling, the glory of one fair and virtuous action is above all escutcheons on our tomb or silken banners o'er us.

Before paper came into use, letters were written on wooden tablets made from boy or beech wood, and hence is derived the word book.

Good sense is the body of poetic genius; fancy, its drapery; motion, its life; and magnetism, the life, that is everywhere, forming all into one graceful and intelligent whole.

They who are ignorantly devoted to the mere ceremonies of religion are fallen into thick darkness; but they are in still thicker gloom who are solely attached to fraitless speculations.

The soul may be compared to a field of battle, where the armies are ready at any moment, to encounter. Not a single vice but has a more powerful opponent, and not one virtue but may e overborne by a combination of

vices.

Ambition is to the mind what the ap is to the falcon; it blinds us first, and then compels us to tower by reason of our blindness. But, alas! when we

accessful. All the preachers, excepting three, who were providentially absent, were present. A few local brethminds of the people and stir them to

ervices, there was the largest commun-

ference was interesting, harmonious and charges, The subject of received some attention, possibly not what it ought to have had. It is a la ren were there. Only a little over half mentable fact that too many parentlaymen to press this subject upon the

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For the Advocate,

THE SALISBURY DISTRICT CON-

FERENCE.

of the delegates elect were in attend- neglect the education of their children ance. It was to be regretted that every A resolution urging both preachers and one was not there at his post of duty. The attendance by the community and visitors was very large and attentive, good work, and requesting the P. E., to even from the very first session. The bring the subject before every Quarterly churches, Methodist and Presbyterian, Conference of the District and inaugu

greater effort and zeal in this great and with the academy, were full to overflow rate plans, if possible, for greater effecing on Sunday. The Love Feast was school at Jonesville, under the manage-

tivenass. Our District Conference

much interrupted by the press of the ment of Rev. T. S. Whittington, was congregation. After the eleven o'clock especially recommended.

Resolutions endorsing the action of services, there was the largest commun-ion I ever witnessed, not even excepting the Annual Conference as to the debts of the Colleges and expressing sympa-

it. Where the assessment plan is work- lotte District, Dr. T. H. Pritchard, of here be permitted, 1 trust, to submit R. Where the assessment plan is work-ed, reports show that the greatest suc-Balcigh, Gen. R. D. Johnston, of this affirmed "when he is old" (the age of ome reflections upon facts elicited du- cess is had. The Conference, there- city, and the writer. ing its session, in connection with what fore, earnestly recommended the adop-I may say of the Conference. The Con- tion of this plan in all the pastoral the writer excepted, of course,

and others.

Addresses were delivered by Dr. W

These addresses were good, very good

responsibility) the will not depart from vide, Newton N. C., Aug. 1st., 1878.

A free conference was also held or POISONOUS READING FOR THE